

**PAYING SMALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulation, Health Care and Trade held a hearing entitled "Ensuring Prompt Payment for Small Health Care Providers." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 3246, Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development Act of 2007; H.R. 3224, Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2007; H.R. 3247, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Recovery Facilitation Act of 2007; H.R. 3068, Federal Protective Service Guard Contracting Reform Act of 2007; H.R. 2671, To designate the United States courthouse located at 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, as the "C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse;" and H.R. 2728, To designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 25762 Madison Avenue in Murrieta, California, as the "Theodore L. Newton, Jr. and George F. Azrak Border Patrol Station."

**MEASURING POVERTY IN AMERICA**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Measuring Poverty in America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**AVIATION TAXES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on Aviation Taxes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Oberstar and Mica; Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; Joseph Kile, Assistant Director Microeconomic Studies Division, CBO; Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

**BRIEFING—SIGINT**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence Analysis and Counterintelligence and the Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to receive a joint briefing on SIGINT. The Subcommittees were briefed by departmental witnesses.

**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1101)

S. 1868, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Signed on July 31, 2007. (Public Law 110-51)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,  
AUGUST 2, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Armed Services:* to receive a closed briefing on drawdown planning for the United States forces in Iraq, 11:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Randall S. Kroszner, of New Jersey, Larry Allan Klane, of the District of Columbia, and Elizabeth A. Duke, of Virginia, all to be Members of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine reforming key international financial institutions for the 21st century, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Jim Nussle, of Iowa, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 2:30 p.m., S-120, Capitol.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 1253, to establish a fund for the National Park Centennial Challenge, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (Public Law 109-435), focusing on the services that are provided to customers, 10 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to continue hearings to examine the Department of Justice politicizing the hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, focusing on preserving prosecutorial independence, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1692, to grant a Federal charter to Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated, S. 1060, to reauthorize the grant program for reentry of offenders into the community in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, to improve reentry planning and implementation, S. 453, to prohibit deceptive practices in Federal elections, S. 1845, to provide for limitations in certain communications between the Department of Justice and the White House Office relating to civil and criminal investigations, a bill entitled, "School Safety and Law Enforcement Act", and the nominations of Rosa Emilia Rodriguez-Velez, to be United States Attorney for the District of Puerto Rico, Richard A. Jones, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Sharion Aycock, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, and Leslie Southwick, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, 11:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

**House**

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing to follow-up on the notification of

family members of next of kin of deceased and wounded process for the Marine Corps, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, hearing on Hurricanes Katrina and Rita: What will be the long-term effect on the federal budget? 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, to consider H.R. 1534, Mercury Export Ban Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Africa, and Global Health, hearing on Africa Command: Opportunity for Enhanced Engagement or the Militarization of U.S.-Africa Relations," 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, Subcommittee on Elections, oversight hearing on the Election Assistance Commission, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3013, Attorney-Client Privilege Protection Act of 2007; H.R. 2740, MEJA Expansion and Enforcement Act of 2007; H.R. 1119, Purple Heart Family Equity Act of 2007; and H.R. 1071, September 11 Family Humanitarian Relief and Patriotism Act, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 1769, Endangered Salmon Predation Prevention Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3094, National Park Centennial Fund Act; and H.R. 2959, National Park Centennial Challenge Fund Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, to consider the following: H.R. 312, Civilian Service Recognition Act of 2007; H.R. 928, Improving Government Accountability Act; H. Res. 554, Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Passport Month; H.R. 3106, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Main Street in Ferdinand, Indiana, as the "Staff Sergeant David L. Nord Post Office;" H.R. 2778, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3 Quaker Ridge Road in New Rochelle, New York, as the "Robert Merrill Postal Station;" H.R. 733, District of Columbia Budget Autonomy Act of 2007; H.R. 1054, District of Columbia Legislative Autonomy Act of 2007; H. Res. 544, Expressing the sympathy and pledging the support of the House of Representatives and the people of the United States for the victims of the devastating thunderstorms that caused severe flooding in 20 counties in eastern Kansas beginning on June 26, 2007; and Subpoenas, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Services, and the District of Columbia, hearings on Federal Compensation, Part 2, Benefits, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider the following: H.R. 2776, Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2007; and H.R. 3221, New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled "Disaster Planning and Recovery: Are We Ready for Another Katrina?" 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, to consider the following: H.R. 3246, Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development Act of 2007; H.R. 3224, Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2007; H.R. 3247, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Recovery Facilitation Act of 2007; H.R. 409, To amend title 23, United States Code, to inspect highway tunnels; H.R. 2671, To designate the United States courthouse located at 301 North Miami Avenue, Miami, Florida, as the "C. Clyde Atkins United States Courthouse;" H.R. 2728, To designate the station of the United States Border Patrol located at 25762 Madison Avenue in Murrieta, California, as the "Theodore L. Newton, Jr., and George F. Azrak Border Patrol Station;" H. Res. 444, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, honoring the invaluable contributions of Charles Edward Taylor, regarded as the father of aviation maintenance, and recognizing the essential role of aviation maintenance technicians in ensuring the safety and security of civil and military aircraft; and H. Res. 549, Recognizing the importance of America's Waterway Watch programs, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Challenges Facing the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing on Legislation Related to Trade with China, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on Intelligence Community Update on Iraq, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on CIA new Counter Terrorism Activity, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to hold hearings to examine freedom of the media in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe region, 2 p.m., 340 CHOB.